राज्य सरकार को 3 करोड़ रुपये की राशि रिलीज की गई थी। बाद में राज्य सरकार ने आबंटित राशि में ही साबरकंठा जिले में 339 हैंडपम्प लगाए जाने वाली 229 बस्तियों और बनासकंठा जिले में 82 हैंडपम्प लगाए जाने वाली 62 बस्तियों को शामिल कर लिया था।

(ग) उपरोक्त योजना के अंतर्गत जनवरी, 1993 तक लगाए गए हैंडपम्पों की संख्या के जिला-वार ब्यौरे निम्नलिखित हैं :–

| क्रमांक | जिले का नाम | लगाए गए हैंडपम्पों की संख्या |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | बड़ौदरा | 70 |
| 2. | पंचमहल | 190 |
| 3. | सूरत | 40 |
| 4. | भड़ौच | 61 |
| 5. | बलसाड़ | 304 |
| 6. | साबरकंठा | 153 |
| 7. | बनासकंठा | 37 |
| | योग : | 855 |

Shortage of Vitamin 'C'

236. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a chronic and continuing shortage of Vitamin 'C' formulations and multi vitamin preparations containing vitamin 'C' for the last several months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to allow import of Vitamin 'C' at concessional rate of custom duty;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other steps Government proopse to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Supply of bulk Vitamin C had got dislocated during the second and third quarters of 1992 due to shortfall in production of one of the two units. The position has since improved and, as per the available information, the present production level is adequate to meet the estimated demand.

(c) to (e) At present there is no proposal to reduce the customs duty on Vitamin C. Government, however, is keeping a constant watch and in case the situation so warrants, duty reduction would be considered in the consumer interest.

Development of a substitute for timber

SHRI MOHAMMED SALIM: SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a meet on developing substitutes for timber was held recently in the Capital;

(b) whether efforts to develop a substitute for timber as industrial and construction sector material would get adequate support; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Policy Advisory Group on Wood Substitution of the